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OR students dance the night away at the Sadie Hawkins dance. See pg. 2.

Voters OK \$5.1 Million For ORMS Renovations

by Kelly Watson and Joe Futima

Both liberals and conservatives experienced victories at the March 1 School District meeting.

A \$5.1 million bond for middle school expansion and improvements passed, by a narrow margin — 67.2% when 66% was needed.

Jay Flanders and David Brown, two candidates from the Citizens for Democracy in Oyster River Education (CDORE), were elected to the School Board, defeating incumbents Martha Gooze and John Lewis.

A \$14,521,987 school district budget was also adopted. The new budget is a 6.9% increase in spending over the 1994-5 budget.

In a related story, Lee and Madbury voted down a proposal to study possible secession from the Oyster River School District in separate town meetings Wednesday, February 15.

Ms. Gooze commented on

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Committee Drafts OR Senate Charter

by Matt Renner

The slogan of the students helping to draft the new senate constitution might be, "Power to the students." Drafting a constitution has been the number one priority of the senate committee. "The goal is for the students to be better represented and play an active role in how the school runs," said senior Senator Emily Cohen.

The idea of student power has been around for many years, but this year the student and faculty representatives who volunteered to serve as a

constitutional convention have gone forward to create the constitution. Official faculty representatives have not been selected as yet.

The constitution will include the three different branches of the government—executive, legislative, and judicial. It will shift some important decision-making responsibilities to a body composed equally of adults and students. The faculty, administration and school board, who are held legally responsible for operation of the school, must give approval to the document.

The constitution has five sections—executive, curriculum/budget, public relations, activities, and school issues. A separate article has been put in place to insure a student role in the decision-making processes of the school: school-wide problems, school policies, school board representation, and other matters not reserved by law or school board policy to the school board and administration.

The senate is currently divided into subcommittees all working hard in their areas. "We hope to have a dependable system in time for the begin-

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Ms. Whaley and Ms. Dodge to Workshop Book

by Karen Gowell

Mrs. Dodge and Mrs. Whaley will lead a discussion at the New Hampshire Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference on March 31 at the Sheraton in Portsmouth.

The conference will focus on incorporating women writers into more student-centered classrooms.

The invitation was prompted by the re-printing of a book

written by Ms. Whaley and Ms. Dodge entitled Weaving in the Women. Heinemann Publishing in Portsmouth wanted a book showing that there are important women in literature and who they are. The book was written "to fill a need that the editor saw to help teachers discover which women to use and how to use them," said Ms. Dodge.

The book has made a strong

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Ms. Whaley and Ms. Dodge with their book.

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Faculty Feed Fabulous Fun

by Amy Howell

Dinner! Dancing! Romancing? The February 16th "Faculty Feed" was filled with great fun. Teachers and students gathered together for a spaghetti feast in a very restaurant-like school cafe. About 175 ORHS fans and 22 pounds of scrumptious spaghetti were in attendance.

The teachers served as waiters, waitress, and chefs. "It was exhilarating to see teachers slave over us!" said senior Karen Humphrey.

Mr. Tappan, (English teacher and second lunch Spongeman) stated while getting a quick bite after serving a hungry table that, "The tips are rotten!"

Almost \$350 was raised at the dinner to support the replacement of the school sign. Mr. Gasowski came up with the idea of a feast and was pretty modest about it, "It's good fun." Mali Welch, who was standing by to respond to him, said "Good fun? This is great fun! Rock on, Mr. Gasowski!"

When the idea of a Faculty Feed was first announced, students were a bit hesitant about hanging out with their teachers on a Wednesday night, but the tables turned once they paid their 2 dollars for an all-you-can-eat and dance night.

So was all the teachers' time and the students' two dollars worth it? Chris Davis says yes. "I would have paid a heck of a lot more money for Mrs. Tag's meat sauce."

Sadie's Kicks Off Spirit Week

by Allison Deangelis

This year, the annual Sadie Hawkins dance kicked off the five fun-filled days of Spirit Week.

Aside from the junior-senior prom, Sadie's remains as the most popular, largely attended dance, bringing about 150 couples and approximately \$900 this year. The profit will go to the School Senate.

Sadie's is a popular dance because it is unlike others in many ways. "The girls ask the guys, it makes it more exciting," says sophomore Erin Kelley. Senior Emily Cohen, head of the dance committee, said: "the dance is popular for underclassmen because it is their prom. It is also a chance

for everyone to go out and get dressed up."

Overall, the night provided great fun for everyone. The only complaint heard was about the music, provided by "Slipped Disc." Sophomore Brooke Sparling said: "It was a lot of fun, but not much variation in the music."



Mark Freeman & Arianne Conley

Flanders Voted To School Board

by Robyn Desy

Jay Flanders and David Brown defeated incumbent school board representatives Martha Gooze and John Lewis on March 1. Flanders received the most votes, earning 933; Brown followed with 878, Gooze with 772, and Lewis with 640.

At a February press conference at ORHS, Flanders discussed his goals, which included improving school conditions and upgrading education with lower taxes.

Flanders is a research coordinator for CDOR (Citizens for Democracy at Oyster River Education) and feels quality

education would be better dispersed in a nicer environment. He feels we don't use the resources we have in a college town effectively. For instance, why should ORHS have

scheduled classes such as French 5 or Spanish 4 when students could take the same class at UNH and receive college credit?

Flanders also said he wants to see money used more effectively within the community. He doesn't see effectiveness in restructuring a middle school seven times in 52 years. According to Flanders, "If you do it right once, you won't need to fix your mistakes."



Powers Predicts Change at ORHS

by Jennifer Bonaccorsi

Superintendent John Powers anticipates that there will be major additions to ORHS within five years. At a February 15 press conference at ORHS, he also predicted major changes in student involve-

ment in the governing of the school.

The addition he hopes for would include a new gym, courtyard, cafeteria, auditorium, class rooms, new athletic fields, parking lots, and common areas. The common areas would be similar to an outdoor courtyard, but would be

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Advisory Council Brings 5-Part Proposal to Faculty

by Jeremy Loomis

The Advisory Council met last Thursday, March 9 to approve their final report that will be presented to the faculty by the beginning of April. Some changes within the report, including advisories, flexible scheduling, a complete Senate, and increased community involvement, should be realized by the fall of 1995, says Council Co-chairperson Emma Rous.

The report will cover new ideas for change at ORHS. The five parts of the report are: Curriculum, Community Outreach, Social and Emotional Support, Governance, and Assessment and Evaluation. These five topics have taken the form of five separate committees.

Advisories, or meetings during the school day, are designed to help students choose classes, explore careers, work through personal problems,

and to have one particular teacher as his or her advisor in whatever ways seem to be mutually agreeable. Several teachers have visited other high schools and are formulating a specific proposal of how an advisory program might be devised for Oyster River.

Another issue in the report was the concept of block scheduling: certain classes could be assigned a two hour block on alternate days rather than meeting for a single period every day. Such flexibility allows teachers to integrate two classes such as social studies and English and to "team teach," or to use the time in other creative ways.

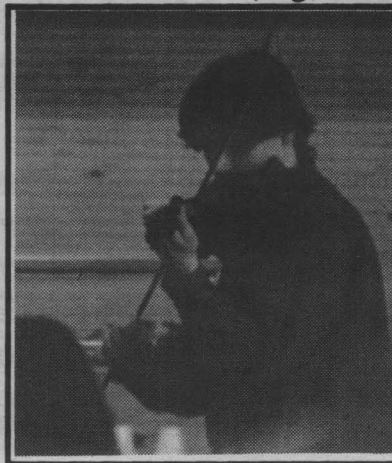
According to Ms. Rous, "[yearly] student advancement might be based on demonstrated competencies in integrating and applying knowledge rather than fulfilling course requirements." The Council will also recommend "greater ties between students

and the community" in the form of "apprenticeships, internships in local businesses or community service agencies, independent study with mentors in the community, as well as adult participation within the school."

While Principal Ann Brown said change in course content will be modest, some proposed curriculum changes include an increased emphasis on senior projects, expansion of student portfolios, and improved computer literacy and computer networking. Networking could allow classes, regardless

of which teacher they have, to be compared using standard data-based tests.

Advisory Council, which first met in January 1994, has concerned itself with long range planning of all areas of curriculum. According to Ms. Rous, it consists approximately of eight elected members of the faculty, six student body representatives and six volunteer members of the community. The Council is chaired by Ms. Rous and Durham resident Winthrop Puffer, Sr.



Ben Rous, on violin

Spirit week: Successful

by melanie braswell

Instead of whistles and coach's instructions, clapping, cheering and music were the sounds coming from the gym on the Friday before vacation. Classes were cancelled in order to hold a school-wide pep rally, the final event in Spirit Week.

Spirit Week was organized

by Mr. Gasowski and Mrs. Parsons

with many other people—students and faculty—assisting. Mr. Gasowski says "Spirit week was put on for the whole school to get together and have a good time."

Each day there was a different event: Clash Day, Twin Day, Valentine's Day, Faculty Feed, and the final collection of all the food in the food drive. Along with these events, were bands playing at lunch. "I think it's a great opportunity for people with musical talent to be noticed and appreciated," Julie Hardy said.

The food collected in the spirit Cont. on Pg. 6

31 Students Honored In Foreign Language Ceremony

by Aubree Nygren

On Monday, February 13th, 31 French and Spanish students were inducted in to the French and Spanish Honor Society.

The ceremony opened with three speakers: Emma and Walter Rous, and Richard Deshaies. Each spoke of the importance of foreign languages and their benefit during travel.

Mr. Deshaies, the adoptive father of exchange student and honorary French Honor Society member Kolotioloma Silue, stated, "If you study a language, it gives you a base, so when you travel you will be able to communicate more effectively. Be more than a tourist."

The Honor Societies are actually two national organizations: the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French) and the NATSP (National Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese). These sponsors recognize talented students in the languages. The societies were introduced in the school in the

early 80's.

To be a candidate in the French Honor Society, students must have at least 6 quarters of High School French with at least an A-average and a B average in all other subjects. The Spanish Society requires its members in Spanish 3 to have no grade lower than an A-and Spanish 4 and 5 with a B+ average.

Ms. Susan Smith, a foreign language teacher here at ORHS, said "A lot of students find foreign languages difficult and it requires a lot of studying so these honor programs show and encourage students in the languages."

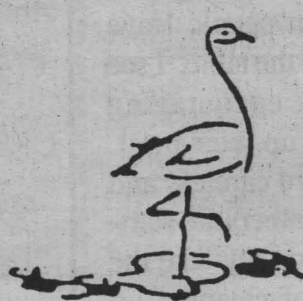
New member Matt Renner said that he felt "honored" to become a member. Three-year Society member and French Club secretary Julie Wourgiotis backed up his statement by saying, "It's nice to be recognized for putting effort into a class that many students find difficult."

New Members include Kirby Johns,

Kolotioloma Silue, Cris Alvarez, Jeremy Beaudette, Andrea Kuegel, Mike Beland, Lucia Nazzaro, Heather Faltin, Beth Kraft, Tom Getz, Aaron Major, Anjuli Minocha, Nasrin Azarkadeh, and Matt Renner in the French Honor Society.

For the Spanish Honor Society are Emily Dell, Celeste Noble, Emma Torbert, Kim Jennison, Jaime Smith, Christine Gsottschneider, Bob Simmons, Daniel Birch, Kristen Hambrick, Gabe Merton, Troy Zezula, Tracy Freuder, Becky Soderholm, Mike Lewis, Jen Winslow, Noa Daskal, and Raquel Murad in the Spanish Honor Society.

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Opinion/ Editorial

THE IMMINENT OVERTHROW: SERFDOM AT O.R.

As time has worn on into our collective high school years, it has come to our attention that there is an evident...lack (perhaps?) of communication between the upper echelon of the learned community and we, the lowly labor serfs.

You see, the problem can be best expounded upon by the fact that as this is being written, we are short on one economics paper, five class-days of French, three class-days of Spanish, two French quizzes, at least one chem lab, and two very late senior-sem papers as well as many other obscure, minute assignments that have grown into the ulcer that passes for our lives.

We, the self-proclaimed leaders of the serfs, have discovered that it is quite difficult to maintain even our usual sub-standard, hardly-passing-for-work, school life. This is because the lines of communication between warring, we mean peacefully, co-existing factions are simply pseudo-contemplations (that's "not there" in layman's terms).

Examine this scenario: It's a Friday, the Friday before vacation (any vacation will do) and your teachers have managed to somehow schedule the following: 5 major papers, 4 oral presentations, 3 assorted exams, 2 pop quizzes, and 1 archery poem. Of course the average serf can handle this task, but add on a newspaper deadline, or any other like extra-curricular activity, and that's just the straw that breaks the serf's posturepedically deformed back. They, the "upper echelon," however, have already assumed that no other teacher would grant serfs the privilege of serving their mentors by senselessly rambling to fill the space under the words "use the back if necessary." (We mean how can a lowly serf concentrate on physics with an action-packed, heart-wrenching, at-the-edge-of-your-seat episode of "ER" on every channel?)

We have found, however, a strange ironic twist in our otherwise simple lives. Do you folks remember that little piece-o'-paper called the "vision statement," (soon to be printed on the cafeteria napkins) and that grand old "advisory council" (you know, how the two co-exist to allow serfs to broaden their educational realms without the barriers of standard school structuring in their way)? So why is it that it seems so arduous (hard) to create an "upper echelon" / serf relationship that is mutually beneficial to both factions?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you are inclined to voice your opinion, argue popular sentiment, whine, complain, or generally kvetch, *The Mouth of the River* is your medium. Leave letters in the *Letters* box in room 113. All entries will be printed unless deemed obscene.

A worthy question, only deserving a worthy answer. We, in our all-encompassing ignorance, have come up with what we believe to be a feasible (okay) solution. Perhaps these "early Wednesday" meetings among the "upper echelon" could include a brief discussion (chat) about deadline scheduling and the fullness of each teacher's schedule, or maybe we should all learn to write in Sanskrit (it's very therapeutic).φ

Cafe Shouldn't be an Animal House

comentary by Chris Merenda

Holy Toledo! What's going on in this school's cafeteria? It looks as though some people in this school cannot control their eating habits, or they haven't passed Beginner's Table Manners.

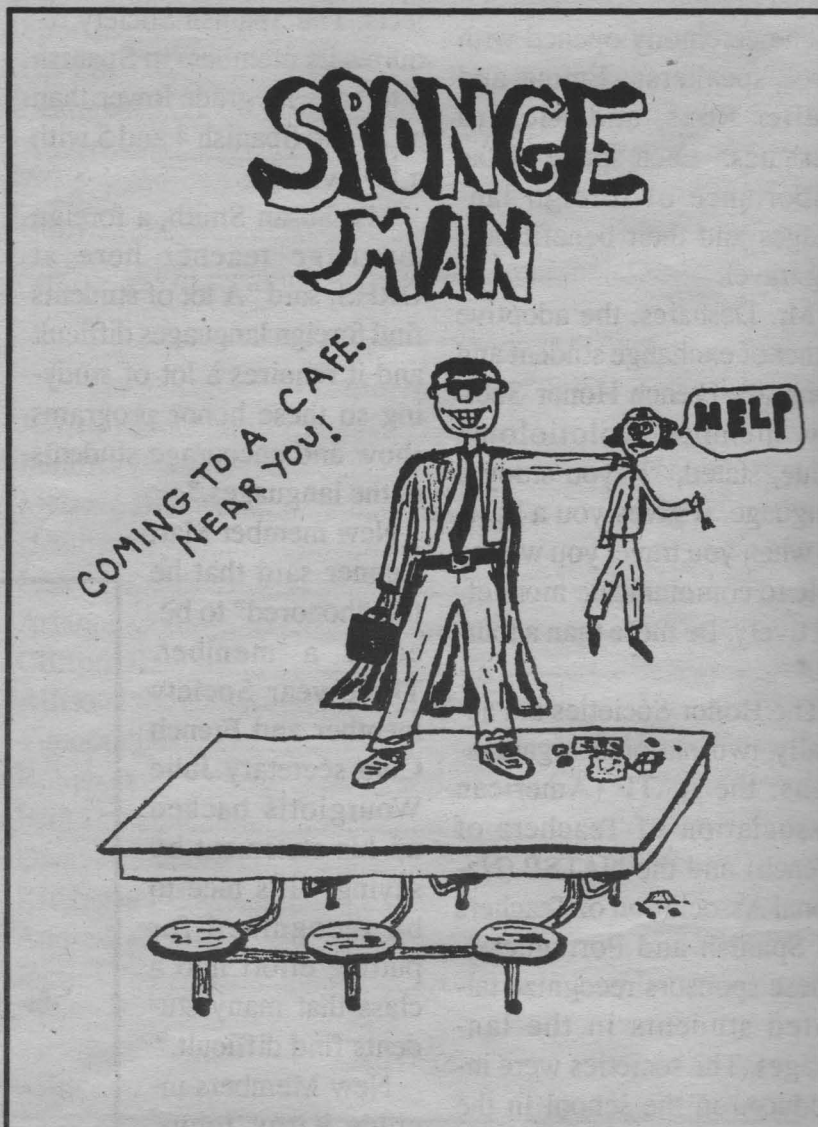
This is disgusting! There is milk spilt on half the tables, pieces of lettuce and orange peels scattered all across the floor and a lot of other foods scattered all around the cafeteria. The sad part is not just that the food is on the floor. It's also the fact that certain people in this school drop their food and don't pick it up. They leave it for the janitors and cafeteria workers to pick up just because they're too lazy to do it themselves.

Unlike most problems in this school, the cafeteria problem is one that is pretty hard to avoid. This problem affects

the life of everyone in the cafeteria.

The only way this problem can be solved would be if, for some freak reason, the perpetrators realized that they were acting like degenerate, arrogant, and disturbed second graders. Maybe then we would have a chance. No one wants to sit down at a table with milk-soaked seats and trash on the table and under your feet.

There have been efforts made by some of the faculty to stop this irresponsibility. I can see changes developing slowly in people's eating habits. Now when people leave trash behind on the table, I see some teachers encouraging people to pick up their mess. Some people are careless and walk away, but others are starting to listen and they take the responsibility of cleaning up their mess like mature people are capable of doing.



HOROSCOPE

by Cliff Dawnis

Aquarius: (January 20-February 19). Do not weigh yourself down with too many plans. You will find strange attractions to a prominent friend. Do not be afraid. You are in the 11th house.

Pisces: (February 20 - March 20) Poseidon is your god. He shows comfort for you in your future. A mysterious stranger will enlighten your life. From here on out, do not be lacking in self-confidence, for your planets are aligning.

Aries: (March 21 - April 19) Red colors will bring you good luck and good fortune. Be careful of making hasty decisions. Do not try to become dominant over your relationship partner.

Taurus: (April 20 - May 20) Your animal is the bull. You will find harmony with your current environment. A new love will bring you the security you've been lacking. Do not be concerned with physical beauty or material things. Your happiness lies in nature.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Your identity crises is causing you to love superficially. Make peace with your lover, and you will find peace in your work place as well.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Beware of the lotus. You will become inspired mend your broken relationships with your family. Your intense emotions could get you in trouble. Be wary of them.

Leo: (July 23 - August 22) The lion will give you inner strength. Self-discipline will help you to accomplish the project you never finished. Be optimistic about the big ideas you will be receiving.

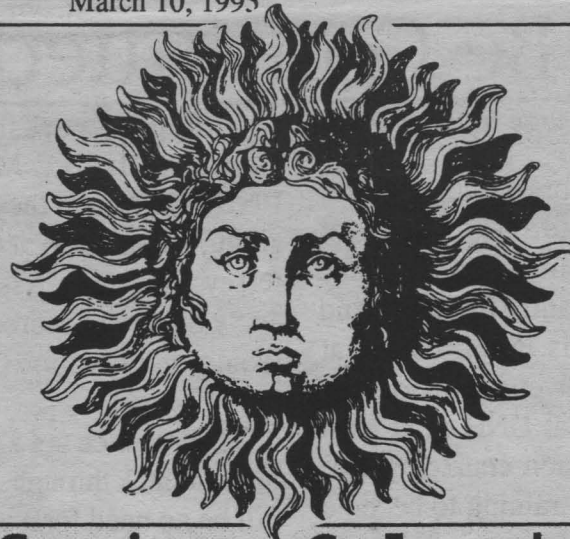
Virgo: (August 23 - September 22) Do not let your head rule your heart. You continue to strive for a secure livelihood. You have good healing powers, use them to heal the heart in your life.

Libra: (September 23 - October 22) Green colors will bring you tranquillity. Seek out the justice where you have been wronged. Signs point to an easy lifestyle.

Scorpio: (October 24 - November 22) Move away from an aggressive environment. Take caution for the occurrence of death is in the near future. The bite of the scorpion will bring you a short illness. But have faith, for Vulcan will bring the success you've been striving for.

Sagittarius: (November 23 - December 21) You have a strong foresight. Traveling will find you a better environment for spiritual growth and development. Pursue your revolutionary ideas. They will bring you a higher knowledge.

Capricorn: (December 22 - January 19) You are an area goal-conscious person. Be suspicious of a new acquaintance. Psychic experiences will frighten you. Learn to accept them, and they will find you positions of authority.



Spring Calendar

by James Witham

March 11-30

- 11 Boys Basketball finals-UNH (if victorious 3-7)
- 13 OREW meeting-7p.m. (ALL WELCOME)
- 15-17 Senior directed plays
- 16 Bake sale - Project Graduation
- 17 NO SCHOOL-Teacher Workshop
- 20 Spring Sport Tryouts
- 30 Spring Concert

April 6-28

- 6-8 Senior Directed plays
- 13 Bake Sale - Project Graduation
- 20-May 6 Russian Exchange trip
- 20-21 Senior Follies
- 21-29 London trip
- 21-28 April Vacation

Selected Highlights:

March 20: The spring sports this year will be boys baseball, girls softball, boys and girls tennis, and girls and boys track. Anyone wishing to tryout for these sports should see Mr. Nichols.

April 21-29: Seventeen students will be accompanied by Mr. Tappan on a nine day trip to London. This will give students an opportunity to study museums and historical sites, as well as watch a series of four plays.

April 20-May 6: Mr. Herlihy and fifteen students will visit Russia for sixteen days. For the past several years Oyster River and a school in Russia have exchanged students. Oyster River students will be given the opportunity to teach theatrics to their Russian peers.

April 20,21: Senior Follies are made up of several short comedy skits directed and performed by seniors. The directors are Dawn Igoe and Chris Davis and Mr. Lord and Mrs. Kishbaugh are supervising the Follies. The price of admission is three dollars for adults and two dollars for students. The money raised will be put towards the senior banquet.

March 15/April 6: Senior directed plays are one act plays by seniors and made up of students. There are two sets of plays, one in March and one in April. Mrs. Rous is in charge of all plays. The directors are Kim Anderson, Chantal Grady, Chris Davis, Mike Chance, Andy Dolph, Karen Humphrey, Karen Balestracci, Cara Campbell, and Emily Grace.

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impact across the country. Ms. Whaley said that "I know of teachers using it in California, Colorado, and Montana. And I know it is in the library at Cornell University. Also it has been used at UNH in at least two education courses where people are training to become teachers."

The book is currently in its second printing, and both teachers will be involved with other conferences later this spring. On March 15 they will be giving the closing keynote speech at the Lowell Annual Conference on women's history. On March 21 they will

be doing a workshop for Women's History Month at UNH. On May 6 they will be giving a workshop at the New Jersey Education Association that's being sponsored by the Women in Education Committee.

"When women are a part of a curriculum, k through 12, there will be no need for a women's literature course," said Ms. Dodge.

A former student of Mrs. Whaley, Jessie Forbes, commented on the accomplishments of both teachers on weaving women in to OR classrooms. She said that "They've done a really good job."

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ning of next year," commented sophomore senate member Chris Merenda.

The research committee has visited many schools in New Hampshire to get an idea of how the governments work and how effective they are. The information that they gather goes directly to the Drafting committee. The Drafting committee has started to write the drafts of the constitution—adding information as collected. The public relations committee works to increase awareness of the senate. Many senate members assisted in planning and managing the spirit week and pep rally before February break.

Drafting committee member Mike Beland commented that "in a few years students will live a life that is very bright and prosperous. We are creating a better learning environment by the production of the constitution. For these students school will be more fun and creative."

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food drive will be distributed throughout needy families in the Oyster River School District. With the help of the school nurse, Mrs. Reeves.

Student and faculty reaction has been both positive and negative. Many people feel that our school has no spirit. "I've seen hardly anyone clashed, I think people feel insecure about Spirit Week because they don't want to look dumb," said Cozette Carroll.

Others feel it was a good idea. "It was a good way to bring our school together, but I think it's going to take some time. You just can't expect from just one week that our school can be so close," said a sophomore.



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Mrs. Baxter reports that as of last inventory in June, 190 books, totaling \$5,700 were missing. She doesn't know if any have been returned until next inventory. Mrs. Baxter says, "As a taxpayer, I resent the fact that so much money is being wasted and lost."

Ms. Kentner and Mrs. Baxter must constantly monitor CD-ROM use. This in turn takes time away from more important duties, according to Mrs. Baxter. "World Cultures classes in the future are handicapped because certain volumes of reference material were removed from the library," she said.

The library's materials budget, \$17,580, is determined by the number of students enrolled in the school. The librarian is also hoping for more work stations for multi-media access. Ms. Kentner said that she requested an automated circulation system for next year. The system would cost approximately \$8,000 to \$12,000.

Mrs. Souza Resigns

Teacher Aid Andrea Souza will be moving to Ontario, Canada within a few days. Her husband has accepted a position in the Toronto area.

She served as cheerleading coach for two years and also was an active supporter of OR athletics while her children Ryan and Quincy were at the high school.

Replacing Mrs. Souza is Mrs. Peg Kingsbury.

ORMS Jazz Band to Disney World

The Middle School Jazz Band will perform at DisneyWorld on May 20. Twenty-seven students are participating at an approximate cost of \$500 a piece. A fund-raiser has been set up by a parent group to help defray the cost. The band director is Mr. Dave Ervin.

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in the building. Powers thinks that students need a place to "hang out" and talk.

Student participation in the governing of the school is going to be extremely prevalent in the years to come. The Senate is an example of the movement towards incorporating students in government. Eventually more students will be involved, but it will take time to develop.

Other changes the school might see are within the classroom. A new schedule would provide students with "longer periods of time to get engaged," according to Powers. Teachers might also integrate subject matters with common themes. Seniors could be required to complete a Senior project the last half of the year. They would use the knowledge they had gained from the past four years, and research, to do the project.

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the frustration of many taxpayers concerning costs: "As the property tax increases [there are] misconceptions that the quality of education decreases." She said that 75% of the budget goes to personnel and the remaining 25-30% goes to maintenance, renovations, and supplies.

In a press conference with the MOR staff prior to the Lee and Madbury town meetings, new board member Mr. Flanders said CDOR's pur-

pose is to ensure that the OR district provides the best public school system the taxpayers can afford. (See related article pg. 2.)

Superintendent John Powers said that the Middle School was the "first priority" for renovations, but he predicted "major renovations" at ORHS within five years. (See pg. 2.)

Martha Gooze also stated that renovations at the high school were next on the school board's long-range plan for district facilities improvements.

Otters lose grip of third place; settle for fifth at state meet

by Robyn Desy

On February 11, 1995 the Oyster River swim team had third place in its grasp at the State Swim Meet. A controversial disqualification of an Oyster River Bobcat caused the team to slip into fifth place.

The false start call resulted in a thirty minute deliberation between Oyster River coaches and officials. Video footage taken by various parents was not acceptable in the official judging.

Junior Mike Lewis commented: "It was an example of how the bureaucracy and political feelings of sport can pervade and corrupt all that is

good in competition. In short, I thought the start was perfect."

Coach Bill Reeves was standing at the blocks specifically watching for false starts and he said he never saw one. He added, "That call was way off base; anything questionable, they called."

The team, however, did place in many events. Mike Lewis won the 500 free style and came in second in the 200 meter. Jessica Tucker-Mohl came in first in the 200 as well as the 500 free style. "Mike and Jessica had amazing races. They finished well ahead of the field in their 500's," said senior Bobcat Meg Frazer.

Although Oyster River lost



Junior Mike Lewis dives into action at the state swim meet in the Field House at UNH.

the 32 points from the relay that would have shifted them to third place, team members seemed satisfied with their performance. Senior Captain Kelly Deforest stated: "We had a very strong team this year.

We had the potential to be number one, Exeter didn't deserve first place."

Coach Reeves stated: "We wanted to win but we did our best and have no regrets because we had a great season."

Track Has Success at States

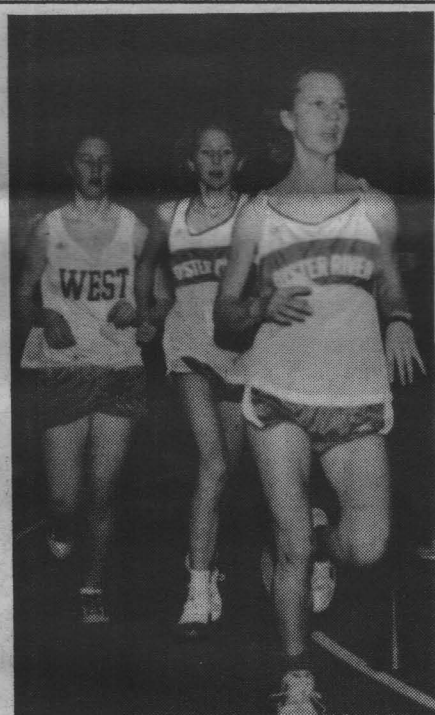
by Lisa Chu

The Oyster River winter track team had a successful season with one relay team and Beth Kraft advancing to the New England Championship. Mary Beth Nazzaro, Kraft, and two relay teams qualified for the state championships at which Kraft finished second in the 3000 meter and fifth in the 1500 meter.

The advancing 4x800 relay team consisted of Mary Beth Nazzaro, Kraft, Lindsay Dolliver and Lucia Nazzaro.

After Kraft injured her knee, she was replaced by freshman

alternate Kristen Cosby. The girls' team finished in the top



Erin Bostrom and Emma Torbert race for OR.

5 in the Class I division. In the state meet, two OR relay teams

were disqualified when team members were unable to attend the meet.

The boys' track team placed sixteenth in Class I division. Freshman Pat Lanoue qualified for state competition in the 55 meter dash but was unable to run due to a torn muscle.

"I am very pleased by the turnout for both teams [girls and boys]. And I am very pleased with the teams' attitudes. I am looking forward to the spring season as well as the next couple years," said boys' coach Joe Scascitelli. Girls' coach Allison Cohen commented: "Everyone worked really hard to do their best. We are a very young team and we have come a long way. We are now bigger and better. I hope this will continue."

The New England Championship will be March 11 at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Girls' Basketball Wraps Up Season

by Kim Eddy

On February 15, the class I girls' varsity basketball team experienced a loss at their last home game, defeated by St. Thomas 49-58. The team's final season record was one win, seventeen losses.

The Bobcats led the Saints at the end of the first quarter with a score of 9-7. Although they were then behind at the half, they kept their heads up. Krista Poole, unable to play because of an injury, supported her team from the bench. "We have a lot of spirit and after a game that spirit keeps us going." One fan said "they always give it their best."

Team members Meiliege Rodriguez and Nicole Wojick both played aggressively, and Kim Jennison kept up communication on the court. The girls succeeded in closing the score gap with the help of lead scorer Nicole Wojick, who had 19 points.

Sports Briefs

Freshmen Boys End in Wins

The boys' freshmen basketball team finished the season with a record of 6-9. The team was lead by captain and forward Brian Taylor, and teammates center Aaron Ward and point guard Jesse Smith. The team closed out the season with two straight wins over Brady and St. Thomas.

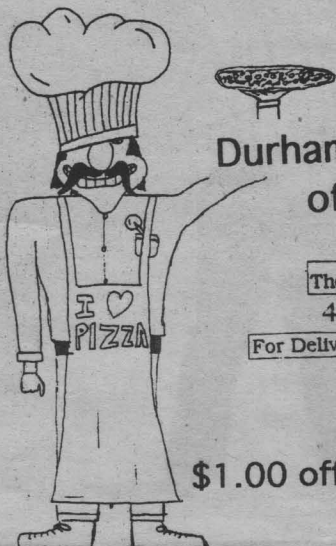
JV Hockey Improves with Experience

The jv hockey team suffered through a winless season, ending in loss against St. Thomas 3-1. Despite the defeat, members felt it was the best game they had played all year. The team improved after "getting more ice time together."

ORHS Swimmers to Compete Nationally

Jessica Tucker-Mohl will compete in the Senior National meet in Minneapolis, MN from March 14-18. Kate Sanders is preparing for Junior Nationals in Buffalo, NY in the end of March. Mike Lewis will attempt to qualify for the Junior National meet in a time trial at Boston College.

-- by Jared McKenna



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On the Way To A Banner Year

by Dwayne Doucette

The Oyster River boys' varsity basketball team advanced to the final round of the Class I tournament with a 59-58 win over Con-Val in the semi-finals. Captain Keith Friel hit the winning basket with five seconds left in the game.

The team had moved on to the semi-finals, by defeating Stevens 77-60 in the quarter-final round last week.

The Bobcats finished the season 17-1 and are second in the Class I standings. In the beginning of the season the team's goal was to be 14-4, a goal they easily achieved.

When forward Brad Taylor was asked what he considered to be the biggest challenge this year, he said, "Getting along as a team because there has been tension at practices between a few players."



Tom Getz & Keith Courtemanche look on as Brad Taylor goes for the rebound.

The Bobcats are a strong offensive team scoring over 100 points in only two games. Since the team includes only

one senior, it should be stronger and more experienced next year assuming all of the players return.

Oyster River will play in the finals on Saturday, March 11 against Lebanon in the Lundholm Gym at UNH.

Varsity Hockey On To Semi's With Strong Team

by Jessica Foster

The varsity ice hockey team is skating towards the championships with a second place standing and a lot of determination.

The team beat Winnacunnet in the quarterfinals by one point, moving on to play

Kingswood.

"We are really close and that's good," commented co-captain Jamie Davenport, "In my opinion, this is the best team I've played on in the past four years. There is no one star, everyone contributes to the overall success."

The team has been playing with minimal practice, and no

glory of home turf. Since Snively went under reconstruction, the players have had no home ice. Presently, Jackson's Landing is the closest to home the players get. "We've gone far with what we've got. But we've got a lot farther to go," says freshman Scott Frey.

The team that all hockey players are working hardest to beat is Exeter. "The team should not be intimidated. Exeter wants to use finesse. Our team needs to go out and not let them get into a flow; they need to get physical," added Athletic director Dave Nichols.

Mr. Nichols sees a positive future for the team. "They will have a great year next year because of ice time. Especially having Jackson's as a backup."

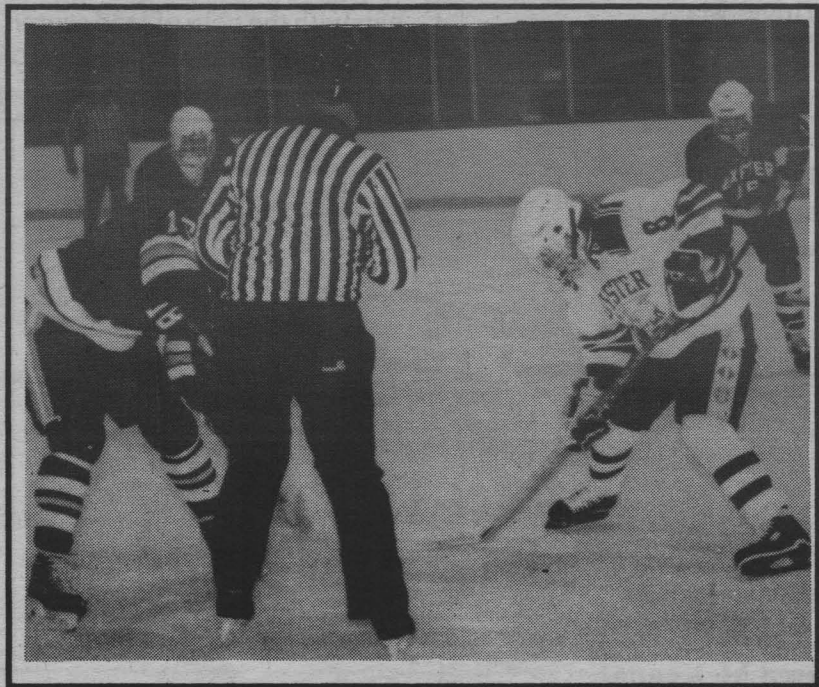
When asked to name a most valuable player for the varsity ice hockey team, Mr. Nichols replied, "It is too early to tell now. After the championships it will be easier to say. We have

Brian Tagliaferro, who is a great offensive player; goalie Chris Williams is having his best year ever; Andy Gault is a great defenseman, he has a lot of experience; and Chris Merenda has had a great improvement. He is a big scoring threat and has finally moved out of his brother's shadow."

Despite the many drawbacks that come with low finances and a lack of ice time, the team receives a positive response from the fans. "The team is doing fantastic. They always win by a good amount," commented senior Kim Eddy.

The players themselves also have a very positive overall attitude about the season. "We are having a good season. We're pretty strong, and we have a great coach," said sophomore Chris Merenda.

Team manager David Acerra added, "They're just a bunch of good guys."



Brian Tagliaferro faces off against Exeter.

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Keith Friel

STATE CHAMPIONS!

The boys' basketball team seized the state championship Saturday in a 55-52 victory against Lebanon, capping a 19-1 season.

High scorers in the game were Greg Friel with 23 points and Keith Friel with 18.

Coach Don Maynard said the win was due to both the Friels' scoring and contributions from other members of the team. He credited Brad Taylor's defense, Dan Kowal's rebounding and inside presence, and contributions off the bench by Doug Pitman and Corey Stacey.

"Those were all factors that sometimes got overshadowed by Keith and Greg's scoring, but they were just as important," Maynard said.

In a post-game interview, Kowal and Taylor agreed that the tournament performance of the Friels was "incredible."

"You can't take anything away from them," the two agreed. Taylor said Coach Maynard spoke to the team before the tournament game and said there would be the opportunity for "heroes to step up."

"This really motivated the other

Dover Surprises Bobcat Icemen

A banner hanging in front of Dover fans praised their coach John Cesere as "Caesar" who would lead their hockey team to victory. Caesar didn't let down his legions as he came, he saw and he conquered a surprised the #2 Bobcat team. Within a minute of the final buzzer, Oyster River saved some face in making their one goal.

Dover already had them five better. The Green Wave showered the ice with sticks and helmets thrown into the air in triumph.

"They totally took our game away," said tri-captain James Dav-enport, one of the four seniors on the team. "Dover came out destined to win with nothing to lose," he said. The Green Wave had previously lost

to each playoff team, so they didn't feel the same pressure as the O.R. squad.

The O.R. strategy all season had relied on speed and puck recovery. This strategy, called a transitional game, fell apart when Dover pressed them man to man, thus frustrating effective passing and setup of the puck for goals. Dover ended up outshooting O.R. about two to one.

Both teams were playing their first finals matches ever. The game at JFK Stadium in Manchester was the first championship tourney of the newly formed Division II hockey league.

Hard core hockey fans were led in their cheers by senior Sean Dolliver's father John who is a leg-

endary hockey booster. The usual fans were joined by a huge contingent of students, parents and teachers who matched or exceeded the Dover crowd.

The first period showed a Green Wave player stuck like glue to every Bobcat player. O.R. passing seemed to falter, and the team's famed speed seemed to slow.

"We were really pumped about the finals, but by the time we got out onto the ice, I think we were mentally drained," said Jason Berndtson. Coach Guy Smith remained positive and in locker room talks, he focused on how happy he had been with the season.

Most of the hockey team attended the basketball game Saturday night.



ORHS Varsity Hockey Team Finishing 2nd in the State After a Lose to Dover

Boys' Hockey Update Cont..

"The hard part for me was seeing them get their medals, but the basketball team has been good to us. We were happy for them," said Jason Berndtson.

Athletic Director Dave Nichols said that he had carried the thought all week about how much the two finalist teams supported each other. "They put aside their absorption in their own sport to give support to the other team."

As to the dover victory, Mr. Nichols commented on the hockey players' relief after their victory over Kingswood that they would be facing Dover whom they had defeated twice before. "Dover seemed to come out of nowhere...our team now has a great deal of respect for Dover."

Mr. Nichols emphasized that the team is young and can look forward to a likely playoff playoff role next season as well.

Basketball Update Cont.

starters," Taylor said.

Kowal and Taylor said that despite the emotional ups and downs in the team's history, "I'm sure we'll all be back."

Kowal credited Taylor with being able to "shut down" Lebanon's two leading scorers, Scott Spaulding and Joey Felcher.

"Lebanon's defense was excellent, but ours was even better," he said.

"There was great defense throughout the game," agreed team member Gordon Mathews. "Their defense was good, too, with a lot of turnovers in the second half."

Maynard called Lebanon a "great" team but said Oyster River's performance during the season proved it was more than capable of winning. He noted that out of 21 games, 14 were against teams who played in the tournament.

Spectators agreed that the win was a team effort. "I think Brad Taylor emerged as probably the most valuable player on the team in the tournament," said Dr. Maynard Jackson, longtime ORYA basketball coach.

"It was great to see all that spirit," Nichols said, referring to the large number of fans at both the basketball and hockey games.

Students, Teacher Meet in Rain Forest

by Jeff Blanchette

During February vacation, 14 students from O.R.H.S. went to Costa Rica, to meet

Mr. Byrnes on his sabbatical. Mr. Byrnes went there in January and will be returning in May. He is obtaining information on the rain forests which he will bring back and use in his classes, and setting up a computer Internet from Costa Rica to O.R.H.S.

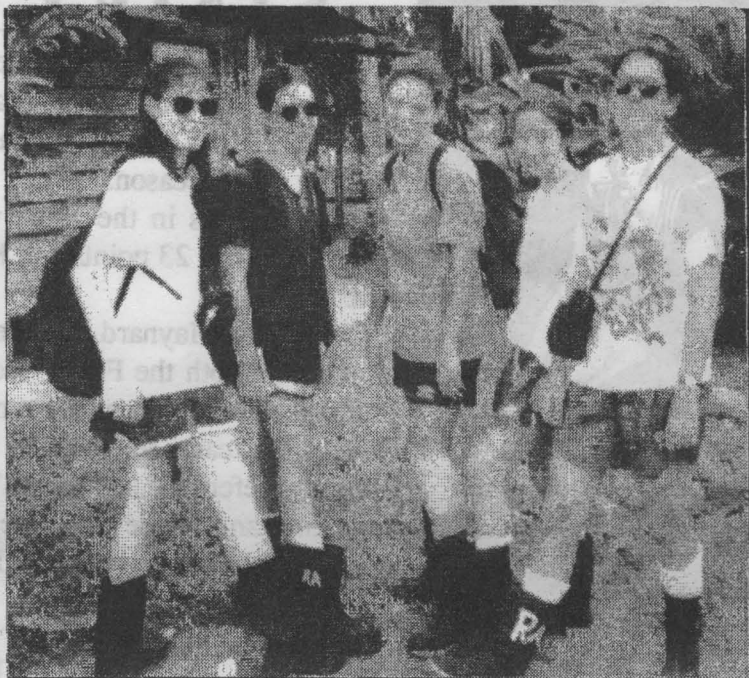
The students stayed at lodges overnight and went sightseeing during the day. They witnessed an active volcano on the first day that erupts every 15 to 20 minutes.

The trip cost each of the 14 students \$1000.00 and before they left had to get tetanus booster, immune globulin, and malaria prophylactics shots. The maximum load of equipment and luggage for each student was supposed to weigh no more than 20lbs.

The students left February 17 and returned February 25. During the trip the students visited and climbed through bat caves, went horseback riding to a waterfall, saw a tarantula,

and went swimming at a beach where a few students got stung by jelly fish.

Along with Mr. Byrnes' wife and daughter, went Ron Laub, Becky



Laub's father. About going on the trip with her friends as well as her dad Becky said "It was fun being able to share the experience with my father."

One of the main points of the trip was for the students to learn about the rainforests and their destruction. As the population and farming grows more of the rainforests are destroyed. The students learned alternative ways to preserve the forests.

When they came back the kids were sun tanned, had stings from jellyfish, and were enlightened about the importance of the rainforest. The trip was a success and as Kelly Watson put it, "the experience of a life time."

Morris Hypnotizes ORHS

On Thursday, over twenty O.R. students agreed to be hypnotized by Ed Morris, a well-known hypnotist, showman, and magician also trained in mental health and hypnotherapy.

While Laurie McDowell stood on the stage there was no question in her mind that hypnotism is real and worked. "What really worked was the bus ride. People told me what I did, and I wasn't sure why I was doing those things. When I was glued to the stage, my foot felt heavy.... Sometimes I was confused about where I was or what I was doing or why."

Said audience member Krista

Poole: "I have seen it before, and I really believe it under other circumstances, but I think too many people were faking it."



The general reaction was that it was great entertainment for the end of a school day.